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REPRESENTATION OF ARMED FORCES IN SIXTH PAY COMMISSION
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no nominee representing the Armed Forces in the Sixth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons for denying representation to the Armed Forces in the Pay Commission; and

(c) the steps taken to assimilate the views and experiences of the Armed Forces in the said Pay Commission?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Defence had made a request to the Ministry of Finance and Sixth Central Pay Commission to appoint a person with Service background in the Sixth Central Pay Commission. Ministry of Finance observed that the Members of the Pay Commission do not represent any particular service or organisation but would be working on various issues concerning the overall service conditions of the Central Government employees. The Sixth Central Pay Commission also felt that Armed Forces would be given full opportunity to place their views before the Commission and therefore, it will not be necessary to have a representative of the Armed Forces in the Commission.

(c) The three Services have been permitted to have direct interaction with the Pay Commission.The three Service Chiefs and representatives of Ministry of Defence also had a discussion with the Sixth Central Pay Commission on 19.04.2007 wherein the issues concerning the Services were also raised.The Services have submitted a Joint Memorandum to the Commission projecting their demands and aspirations.The representatives of the Services and Ministry of Defence are regularly interacting with the Pay Commission on specific issues.